

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Human Services Committee** was held on Wednesday, June 29, 2016 in Room 200 of the Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Present: Chair Hoyer, Supervisor Schadewald, Supervisor Brusky, Supervisor Linssen, Supervisor De Wane

Also Present: Supervisors Evans, Zima, Van Dyck, Health Department Environmental/Lab Manager Rob Gollman, Human Services Director Erik Pritzl, Finance Manager Eric Johnson, Nursing Home Administrator Luke Schubert, other interested parties and news media

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I. Call Meeting to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hoyer at 5:30 p.m.

II. Approve/Modify Agenda.

Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Linssen to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III. Approve/Modify Minutes of May 25, 2016.

Supervisor Brusky noted the second to last line on the bottom of Page 5 did not make sense. A brief explanation was made of the language.

Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Schadewald as modified. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Comments from the Public:

Mary Kelly - 1430 Skylark Lane, Green Bay, WI

Kelly was here to speak on behalf of the mental health treatment committee of JOSHUA. The group is here tonight following through with their interest in the progression of the mental health initiatives that the County Board approved 6 months ago. Kelly wished to thank the Board for supporting the initiatives and indicated that JOSHUA looks forward to the County providing greatly needed help for those suffering from significant mental illness. She continued that recent talks at their subcommittee brought to their attention the initiatives and progression they are seeing or may not be seeing as the County continues to implement the changes. JOSHUA is aware of the vast undertaking these initiatives involve and they are hopeful that possible delays do not result in reduction of the funds that have been budgeted for these programs to date. Long term plans are essential for these programs and the goal is to make sure that treatment is not denied or delayed for those in crises or in need of help, nor for those with significant substance abuse needs. She thanked the Committee for allowing JOSHUA to make their voice known and for all of the great work being done in Brown County.

Benjamin Schauer - 6225 Highview Road, Denmark, WI

Schauer was here to ask the Board to consider dismissing former Health Director Chua Xiong's findings with regard to the wind turbines. He felt the findings were irrationally and irresponsibly made and said she did not take into account all of the evidence, such as his family, who lives right in the middle of the wind farm. Schauer continued that Xiong did not want to come out and speak with himself, his wife or his children. His wife and 2 sons have been suffering greatly at the hands of the wind turbines. Schauer noted that his wife sleeps in the basement and his sons have issues with sleeping and headaches and so forth and he asked the Board to seriously take that into consideration.

Joan Lagerman – Fond du Lac County Blue Sky Green Field Wind Farm

Lagerman informed that she has lived in Fond du Lac County with the Blue Sky Green Field Farm surrounding her, one turbine being less than 1000 feet from her bedroom window. She said on nights when the turbines are really going she lays there staring at the ceiling clenching her jaw because there is no way to turn it off and no one to call. Lagerman continued that this has affected families in her area greatly and she knows of people who are sleeping in their basements because of this. She noted she was in Las Vegas five years ago and stayed near an airport runway and even with that noise she slept much better than she does at home because she was away from the turbines. The turbines make you feel like you are always under assault. Lagerman continued that Xiong looked at her dead in the eye and said that she believed Lagerman's symptoms and that she was not alone. Lagerman did not have any idea how Xiong came to the conclusion she did. She noted that nobody has ever come to her home to ask any questions or do any testing. It is hard to find something when you refuse to look for it, and Lagerman said that that is what Chua Xiong did; she refused to look for the truth.

Jim Crawford – 5670 Ronk Road, New Denmark, WI

Crawford wanted to address the mental health progress reports as they will describe how the County is implementing the new mental health initiatives. He noted that Human Services Director Erik Pritzl has worked hard to implement the initiatives and he asked the Committee to support Pritzl in his efforts. Crawford's particular areas of concern are ensuring that the Crisis Center has enough trained counselors to provide mobile crisis services and that the Crisis Center is operating efficiently; making sure that Bellin and the County implement the new detox center in July as planned; and making sure that a contract is awarded for the Day Report Center and the Center is ready in July.

Crawford also wished to address the communications with regard to the wind turbines. He noted he is speaking as an individual and not as a member of the Board of Health. He felt that Jim Vanden Boogart's criticism of former Health Director Chua Xiong is totally unwarranted and felt that Xiong made a wise decision in judging that the 8 turbines at Shirley Wind are not a health hazard. Crawford continued that the Brown County Citizens for Responsible Wind Energy support claims that adverse health effects from wind turbines are due to the harmony of their infrasound emissions. The medical community does not support the infrasound theory, nor does Brown County and Crawford said there are very few around the world that do support the theory. He referenced a review by an impressive group of the medical community that is contained in the March minutes of the Board of Health. This review suggests wind turbine-related symptoms are due to long term stress induced by individuals annoyed by the look, motion or sound of the turbines and can be treated by a course of therapy. The review also concludes that exposure to infrasound is not harmful.

Crawford continued that infrasound comes from many sources, not just wind turbines. He said there are two theories of cause and effect. He noted that Chapter 38 of the Brown County Code defines a health hazard as a condition that is known to have the potential to cause chronic illness, like E-coli in polluted water. The theories about wind turbines are not known, and some are not even logical and for those reasons he felt Xiong's decision was correct and wind turbines should not be labeled a health hazard. Crawford suggested the Committee make a motion that "the decision by Director Chua Xiong shall remain in effect for at least 2 years after a permanent new director is hired, unless preempted by state or federal law."

Crawford also believes that only a few of his neighbors are affected by the 8 turbines of Shirley Wind. Most do not want more, but can live with the 8 that are already in place. If wind turbine complaints need more attention by the Health Department Crawford felt the Board needs to give that department more funding so an investigator can go out and verify each complaint. Otherwise, complaints trend to the frivolous and slanted.

Jim Vanden Boogart – 7463 Holly-Mor Road, Morrison

Vanden Boogart addressed the Committee and said his comments do not deal with something on the agenda, but they do deal with requests that have been made by this Committee and the Board of Health and that is that statements from medical professionals be provided setting forth their beliefs that wind turbines sited in proximity to human populations do cause harm. Vanden Boogart put together some documentation that he provided to the Committee. Vanden Boogart explained that the information he had with him tonight consists of a list of 84 professionals who have publicly expressed their concerns regarding wind turbines and human health. Over 50 of the individuals on the list are medical professionals. Vanden Boogart also presented about 50 pages of statements from some of the medical professionals. He also directed the Committee's attention to the report of Dr. Phillips and said that this presentation

should be read as it references methodology that Xiong did not follow. *This information submitted is available for view in the County Board Office.*

Report from Human Services Chair, Erik Hoyer

Chair Hoyer reported that one of the tasks of the Chair of this Committee is to assign someone to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Board and he noted that he has asked Supervisor Brusky to do this. Brusky has accepted this and is enthusiastic and will keep the Human Services Committee updated as to what is going on at the Criminal Justice Coordinating Board.

Hoyer also reported that the videos that are recorded during meetings may be going online and asked the Committee to take some time to consider whether they want to choose to have the meetings posted online. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

1. Review Minutes of:

a. Human Services Board (June 9, 2016).

Brusky noted that Item 6 referenced in these minutes was not included in the materials she received.

Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor De Wane to receive and place on file with the exception of Item 6 which is missing. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Veterans' Recognition Subcommittee (May 17, 2016).

Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Linssen to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Communications

2. Communication from Supervisor Zima (for Steve Deslauriers) re: I am requesting the Human Services Committee review why wind turbine complaints are not handled by the Health Dept. as other health complaints. *Motion at May meeting: To hold item until the next meeting.*

Zima noted that Items 2 and 3 are related. He said one of his main goals of bringing these communications is that the standing committee be responsive to the public and that when the public starts collecting data and is willing to help with the investigation, the standing committee should be responsible. He noted that windmills have been around for centuries but not to the extent that they are today and what they might be in the future. Zima said a lot of the information that is going to come forth needs to be reviewed and the constant re-reviewed. He said it was hard to follow the logic that symptoms from wind turbines are just a matter of stress. Zima said if you follow that logic, Chinese water torture could be defined as a stress-related problem that could be cured by mental health services. He does not follow this logic and felt there was enough information in the world that anybody that would deny that windmills could cause a negative effect on people would need mental health services. Zima said that people are beginning to understand that these problems are not being imagined. He said the government wants other forms of energy and there has to be ways to accommodate that. He wants the wind turbine issues honestly investigated and noted that he does not want to throw Xiong under the bus and it is his sense that she was under tremendous political stress with this issue. Zima thinks there should be a committee to do an honest investigation and gather as much information as possible and then try to decide how to handle this. He said there have been complaints about how this is handled by the Health Department and feels it is important to gather the tools necessary to gather data. He wants to be part of the solution and not turn his back on those who live hear the windmills. Zima does not think that just because there is nothing verified is a good enough reason to dismiss things. His hope is that a line can be drawn in the sand that the County Board is willing to listen and examine whatever has been brought forward and look at it and ask people to continue to look at it and give the people the voice they need to be heard.

Zima feels the Board has a duty to examine problems and find solutions to problems that exist. He will not agree with anyone who says this is a form of mental illness. With that said, he would like the Committee to give all of the due diligence necessary to examine this and be the filter for the County Board. He understands that this will take time and

feels that today is a starting point. He noted that there are a lot of intelligent people who put time and effort into this and he urged the Committee to listen to them and then set up some sort of basis to examine this and give these people the best quality of life they can have.

Supervisor Schadewald would like to deal with Item 2 first and noted that as a Board of Health member, he wants to be sure that things are done properly. He was glad to hear that Zima supports the idea of a task force to educate the County Board on this issue. Schadewald said the Board of Health gets a lot of information on this and he would like to see that information transfer to the Human Services Committee so that this Committee can educate the other County Board members. In addition, Schadewald noted that the Board of Health is hopeful that Rick James will have an ordinance written by the end of the year and noted that the County Board budgeted funds for this several years ago. An ordinance would be the tool of enforcement. Schadewald also felt that we need to look at what the State put in their rules about flicker and 50 MHz. Schadewald agrees with Zima regarding equipment and said that for what Duke Energies pays, that amount of money could be used to buy a truck with equipment to measure 50 MHz and take pictures of the flicker. He wants the Committee to be aware that the Board of Health is working on this.

Zima does not want to discredit the Board of Health in any way, but said they have been working on this for a number of years and sometimes it seems like they are spinning their wheels. He said the Human Services Committee should be involved in the nitty gritty to get better results. Zima again suggested a task force and noted that this is very important. He said there are other places where people are struggling with this and he is not willing to just sign this off. He continued that the Committee is part of the gatherers of information and said the rest of the world is looking at what is being done here and urged the Committee to keep their minds wide open and exam and consider what is put before them and do what is right.

Steve Deslauriers – 289 Wayside Road, Greenleaf, WI

Deslauriers said this is his communication that Zima brought forward. He brought this up at another Human Services meeting as well as at County Board meetings. His goal is very simple but incredibly critical for the Health Department. He wants to know why health complaints from families around Shirley Wind, some of whom welcomed the project, have not been handled by the Health Department in a professional manner like complaints on other topics are handled. Deslauriers said that he has been advised by the Health Department that they do not have the authority to regulate infrasound. He feels that his is putting the cart before the horse because the Health Department has never declared that this is an infrasound issue that is causing the problems with these families. The only action he is aware the Health Department has done is accept complaints with minimal logging, go out and take some audible sound readings and say whether they are in compliance or not and say they are sorry. Deslauriers said if the Health Department is going to hang their hat on the basis that they do not have the authority by statute or regulation to deal with infrasound issues, than they have to declare this is an infrasound issue. His concern is the Health Department has never gone through the hard work process of declaring it is infrasound and then saying they do not have regulatory authority. They just basically said they do not have the tools or authority. Deslauriers continued that Mr. Crawford saying the people are simply annoyed minimizes the task at hand for the Health Department and noted that Crawford does not live anywhere near the turbines and does not have any stake in it.

Zima feels Deslauriers' comments seem to be in order and added that there may be things that are currently not in the state law which maybe should be. He continued that this is a beginning of a long walk and it needs to start here. He said when people are abandoning expensive homes you cannot say this is imaginary. Zima thinks there is a way to go out and collect data efficiently that can be brought to the Committee. Deslauriers said that the truth would be evident at that point, but without fact gathering about symptoms, proximity to turbines, what meteorological conditions were happening, etc., the truth cannot be seen. If data is collected and actively looked at, the truth would become evident very quickly. He would like to see the Health Department treat the wind complaints similar to the complaints they receive about Sanimax. Currently the Health Department does not do this with Shirley Wind, and he noted that people are not abandoning homes around Sanimax, but they are around Duke. Duke has paid over \$100,000 to the County and that is money that could be used to help these people get some relief, but nothing has been done.

Supervisor De Wane also believes the Health Department needs to be involved. He would like the Health Department to come back to the next meeting and advise the Committee what equipment they would need to gather the information that is needed. De Wane said there are other people on the Board that have been working on this for years and may wish to be involved.

Environmental/Lab Manager Rob Gollman said wind turbine complaints are handled by the environmental division of the Health Department in the same manner as all other noise complaints. He said the issue is infrasound, low frequency noise. Deslauriers said he could not say that he positively knows what the problems are. It takes investigation or the Health Department has to formally say that the problems that people are calling in about stem directly from infrasound and from there the Health Department could say they do not have the equipment, authority, etc., but the Health Department has never got to that point. Gollman responded that there is a noise ordinance which addresses audible noise, but there is not an ordinance which addresses infrasound low frequency noise, nor does the Health Department have any sort of measuring device to measure infrasound. As far as authority goes, Gollman wished to caution the Committee and the full Board that to do a study, if there is an ordinance that is drafted and passed, there would be a conflict of interest. The Health Department should not be doing the research, documentation or providing any help crafting an ordinance as the regulator who will be charged with enforcement. He wants to make this clear and said that another \$150,000 a year should be budgeted for staff and equipment for this.

Zima respectfully objected to this and said that he did not think that anyone was looking for two full time employees to work on this. He felt that this assertion was irresponsible, but Gollman disagreed. Gollman said complaints come 24/7 and he does not feel the Health Department would be able to meet program objectives. He did not want to have another fight to add employees like he did the last budget. Gollman said he did not want to be attacked on his ballpark figure and Zima said he just wanted to know what the figure included.

Gollman concluded that the Health Department does not respond to complaints of individual who list a number of medical symptoms such as sleep deprivation, headaches, nausea, vertigo, ear pressure, sinus issues, respiratory issues, allergic reactions, etc. He noted that he and his staff are not physicians and do not have training to figure out what the cause of these symptoms are and he does not feel that the County nor the citizenry should expect the Health Department to go out and determine causes of medical symptoms for individuals. Gollman continued that the Health Department operates under the Wisconsin State Statutes, the Administrative Code and the Brown County Code of Ordinances. If there is something that does not exist in those areas, it is not the job of the Health Department to create it, it is the job of lawmakers to do it. At present the environmental division does not have the legal authority to regulate wind turbines. Gollman realizes that nobody wants to hear that, but it is the truth and until and unless something changes, the Health Department is not going to do that.

Evans appreciated the comments made so far, but the thing that sticks out is Rob Gollman's comment that it is the job of the Health Department to do this and that they do not determine the causes of symptoms and there is no ordinance or equipment to measure the sound for regulatory enforcement. Evans said it is interesting that the Health Department does not want to get involved, but they already did get involved because they had a former Director that looked at all sorts of documents and did research and came up with a conclusion. It is Evans' position that the Health Department is involved due to the determination made by the former Director. He continued that the Health Department has a great charge of looking after the health and safety of the people of the community and when there are segments in areas where there are issues Evans felt it would behoove the Health Department to say that there is something not right. Maybe it is psychosomatic as Mr. Crawford says, but Evans disagrees with this. He also noted that there are problems happening all over the world; this is not unique to Brown County. Evans said he understands where Gollman is coming from but he gets frustrated when the Health Department says they are here to help the people of Brown County, but it is not their job to do this. Evans felt it should be up to the Health Department to say it is or is not wind turbines.

Gollman said the Health Department has no tool to measure this. He felt that Evans' assertion that it is not the Health Department's job to do this is a little twisted. Gollman said it is not the Health Department's job to make law, and it shouldn't be the job of the Health Department to make policy and further, it should not be the Health Department's job to do the study if the Health Department is then charged with enforcing the laws. Zima noted that the Health Department does have the right to make recommendations and Evans added that the Health Department has the utmost responsibility to be sure that the health and safety of the County residents is ensured.

Supervisor Linssen felt that Evans was implying that he wanted the County government to start doing medical research. Evans responded that there is already so much research that has been done and the proof is already there. Linssen disagreed that there is proof and said that there are things that need to be looked at. Zima said what is being asked is that the Health Department respond to what people feel are health problems and go investigate them.

Linssen understood but said that looking at situations where there is not a diagnosis of a known causation essentially amounts to medical research to find out what the problem is which would be an expensive endeavor and definitely expands on what the Health Department does.

Evans asked Gollman if he knew what equipment would be necessary to measure infrasound. Gollman responded that he felt there would be equipment available, but noted that the Health Department does not have any currently trained individuals to use the equipment. Evans responded that he felt it would behoove the Committee to say that they do believe there are problems and to say they want to purchase the equipment and train staff to use the equipment.

Deslauriers apologized to Gollman for his earlier comments. He said if there is a cluster of common symptoms from one point source, the Health Department should look at that with honesty and integrity to try to find the root cause. That is all he is asking. Gollman responded that he understands and respects Deslauriers and where he is coming from and he is not trying to shirk any responsibility, but his point is that the Health Department is not experts on this and does not have the legal authority. It is a medical study and should be conducted by somebody other than who may be the enforcer if there is an ordinance. Gollman would support having a study done if it is deemed appropriate, but the Health Department is not the proper entity to do this. Deslauriers said he sees a disconnect from the information gathering to a study. He said we are not drawing conclusions at this point and what he is saying is to look at things such as onset of symptoms, meteorological conditions, talking to Duke and things like that. He asked why these things have not been done. Gollman responded that what Deslauriers is describing is a research study and Gollman thought the request was already made for the State to do such a study, but he does not believe the State complied.

De Wane said that if a group of people in a certain portion of the City would have common complaints, the City would buy equipment and then send people somewhere to learn how to use the equipment and that is the same thing the County would do. He said that if there is legislation or an ordinance written up by the attorneys with the help of the County Board, the Board will ask the Health Department to look into and provide information and that is all they can ask. Hoyer said this is looking forward to the future but the people in attendance want to know why this is not being done at this time.

Zima does not think that all that much is being asked for at this time, other than buying the equipment that is necessary which is a few thousand dollars and then having people go out when there are complaints and taking measurements. At some point in time, the Board may want an ordinance or the State to review the findings or something else, but we have to start somewhere. Zima is asking that the Health Department go out on complaints, measure what can be measured and report the findings back to the Committee. Evans noted that complaints come in on Sanimax, but every time the Health Department goes to Sanimax to collect data it is not a research study. Hoyer stated that that is different because an odor ordinance is involved.

Linssen said it sounds as if there are two different suggestions being made and both of them cost money. His question is if Evans and Zima are requesting to look at funding for an actual medical study to get medical conclusions or if they would be looking for simple logging of the complaints without having a medical professional there to make the final conclusion. Zima responded that they are not making conclusions and at a relatively low budget number a piece of equipment could be purchased and staff trained to go out and gather data for a year or two and then share it with the State and other health officials. The last thing he wants this conversation to do is to deteriorate into a battle about the budget or anything else. Zima is asking to put some attention to a problem that is affecting a fairly large group of people in the community and may become a larger problem if more turbines are put into the community. He felt we need to investigate as much as possible on the small scale we have now and find out what the property locations are and try to put our arms around it and benefit from the existing science. Zima felt a task force could continue to take in information to get a sense of things and the very least that should be done is get the minimum equipment necessary to do a cursory review of it.

Schadewald recommended a motion be made to direct the Health Department to report back with information as to what equipment and personnel would be needed to handle wind turbine complaints in a more thorough fashion based on the legal authorities which he felt needed to be examined. He said the Health Department is supposed to take care of the health of the County but noted that laws and regulations still have to be followed.

Linssen's concern is that if an investment of equipment is made and the information comes forward and warrants a medical study, he does not want to duplicate costs. Zima responded that there is no duplication and all that is being asked for is to purchase the equipment and monitor the data and then look at the data and see what it shows.

Supervisor Van Dyck asked the Supervisors to add in the motion that a procedure be set up to document what they do in the future. He feels there needs to be a procedure that sets out how information is documented. Schadewald agreed and does not object to this being added to his motion. Zima said the procedure would be to go use the equipment and collect the data. Van Dyck replied that there is a procedure to be followed for everything the Health Department does and he feels if you do not go out with some sort of a process or procedure, all of the data that is collected is useless. He is not trying to create a mountain out of a molehill or looking to kill this, he is just saying that there needs to be a process that will be followed. Evans added that he would like to see a log and summary compiled of the complaints, similar to what is done with Sanimax. He felt that having a process in place where the public makes complaints and there is a summary of it would be appropriate. He does not think this is research and he felt it was a fairly simple thing to ask of the Health Department. Evans would also like to see the Health Department have a conversation with Duke Energies on this.

Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Schadewald to open the floor to allow interested parties to speak. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Barbara Vanden Boogart - 7463 Holly-Mor Road, Morrison, WI

Vanden Boogart said she is grateful so many people are interested in documenting the problem and addressing it because this is an area that is having a problem as if there was a toxic waste going into the water. There are documented toxins within the Shirley Wind project already documented by experts in that field and she does not understand why the Health Department would need to buy equipment and train people to use it when there are already expert acoustical people who have documented the levels within the homes where people are describing illnesses. De Wane responded that if she wants the County to get involved, the County needs to have equipment and trained people. Vanden Boogart said the State has already studied over 20 homes where people are complaining and that tests have been done that have documented levels. De Wane pointed out that there are also a lot of different studies that do not agree with those studies. He explained that the County needs to do their due diligence and do their own studies.

Vanden Boogart continued that she is not trying to be an obstacle to a County study but noted that Rick James has already looked at a lot of the test results and analyzed them. The County has already trusted him to be an expert to do this. De Wane understands what Vanden Boogart is saying and how she feels, but reiterated that the County has to do its due diligence. Linssen pointed out that this is also to set up a procedure for future complaints which is a big distinction and noted that this is not necessarily going to be dealing with past complaints. Vanden Boogart suggested the County have Rick James analyze future data because he is already familiar with the issues but Hoyer noted that we are not at that point at this time.

William Acker – 3217 Nicolet Drive, Green Bay, WI

Acker said it appears there are 2 major issues going on and what is trying to be addressed at this meeting is how the Health Department could address the problems that are occurring. He has no problem with setting up a process where if a complaint comes in, a staff member is sent out to investigate and take readings with a micro barometer. This is a device that is being used quite frequently and can be used by people without experience. The device is under \$500, but the data has to be read by a professional acoustician. Acker felt this would be a good process.

Acker said the other thing that is being struggled with is the proof that the readings they are getting are causing the health problems. This gets into an otolaryngologist who is a very highly specialized person on the workings of the inner ear such as Dr. Alec Salt who has done significant study. From Dr. Salt's viewpoint, he has no doubt that the pressure pulsations are capable of bringing on symptoms. Hoyer noted that he has contacted Dr. Salt to get his take on this and he received this reply, "At the moment I am no longer active in the low frequency sound/infrasound/wind turbine field and do not get involved in the topic as an expert. Our work certainly supports the fact the ear is more sensitive to infrasound than most would believe, but unfortunately it is not possible to connect this directly with health

effects on humans or animals. I certainly have an opinion, but the science supporting the connection is lacking right now. For this and numerous other reasons, I am keeping out of it for now."

Acker was surprised with Dr. Salt's response as he has had discussions which were just the opposite. Acker also stated that when the first large industrial wind turbine was built in the United States, it brought on the same symptoms that people are having at Shirley Wind and that is not a nocebo or some disorder where people got stressed out because they heard about the symptoms. NASA and other government groups studied it and the assessment of what was occurring with the first wind project was impulses in the low frequency and infrasound range and that was confirmed with wind tunnel testing that they went on further to try to find out what was going on. Acker felt there was a substantial amount of evidence.

Acker continued that he wanted to address the other side of the issue. He said the Health Department is handling the other side of the issue and they gave the Director of the Health Department the job to see if she agreed with what the Health Department Board members had decided earlier. She submitted a report and then shortly thereafter resigned. It was Acker's opinion that the report was a bad report.

Deslauriers said his goal was not to implement a micro barometer-type procedure. His goal is that detailed information be gathered by the Health Department at the time of the complaint and he hopes the motion reflects that. He feels this is a very simple thing and will bring this to an end. He is not trying to make this onerous on the County, but feels that after five years, the community deserves some information gathering in a procedure that mimics the other health concerns in the County. His goal is simple but critical; he would like it stated that it is infrasound and there is no regulatory authority or do the basic information gathering and assess the data. Deslauriers thanked the Committee very much for their time and attention.

A timeline for the motion was discussed as well as the procedure that occurs when there are complaints regarding Sanimax. Schadewald does not think the Health Department needs to do anything more than they already do for complaints regarding Sanimax or any other complaints. Gollman explained the procedure for responding to complaints regarding Sanimax. Deslauriers said he does not even necessarily think that Health Department personnel need to physically respond to the household unless there is a determination of an actual direct threat at that moment. He said that looking at onset, what made symptoms better or worse should be examined. He said this is a different situation than an odor complaint and, as such, he does not think that every single thing that happens with Sanimax has to happen with this. He is saying that this is a slightly different situation, but the information is still needed to get to the truth. Deslauriers felt that residents would also let the Health Department personnel know what is important to them. Linssen said it sounds like what Deslauriers is requesting is that there is some sort of self-reporting recording mechanism in place such as a form that can be filled out when someone has a complaint. Deslauriers felt that would be a good, logical first step. Schadewald directed Deslauriers and Gollman to discuss this a little bit and come back to the Committee with an update.

Van Dyck disagreed with the last part of the discussion because he does not think it goes far enough. He said having a call in line where people say what problems they are experiencing does not do anything to help the people. Data collected is nothing more than people calling in saying what they are experiencing. There would not be information about what the weather was or what the wind is, etc. Hoyer said that once they collect the data they can go back and collect data regarding weather, etc. Van Dyck said if the data is going to be collected, it needs to be useful data. If it is not known what data to collect, maybe what is needed is a consultant to advise the County to be sure that the right data is being collected in the right way.

It was agreed that 2 months would be given for the Health Department to come back before the Committee. Zima felt that 1 month would be a more reasonable timeframe. Hoyer said that it is the will of the Committee as to how soon this should be done. Schadewald wanted to be sure that the Health Department had enough time to do a thorough job on this. It will be reviewed again at the next meeting.

Motion made by Supervisor DeWane, seconded by Supervisor Schadewald to return to regular order of business. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor De Wane to ask the Health Department to report back what equipment and personnel are needed to monitor complaints and include the procedures to be followed going forward. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **Communication from Supervisor Zima (for James Vanden Boogart): re: I am requesting that the attached document and the full report referenced therein be examined and discussed by the Human Service Committee and the Board of Supervisors and they take action to both officially dismiss Chua Xiong's decision regarding Shirley Wind and discuss possible actions to be taken to resolve the adverse health conditions at Shirley Wind, including consulting with an appropriate qualified environmental attorney to explore possible legal solutions. *Motion at May meeting: To hold item until the next meeting on June 29, 2016.* (Supervisors: Please refer to red packet of information provided by Brown County Citizens for Responsible Wind Energy at May County Board meeting).**

Hoyer recalled that earlier in the evening Zima indicated he was not interested in having Xiong's decision dismissed. Zima responded that he did not know what authority there is one way or another, but it seems that the information given to Xiong in support of the Shirley Wind people was basically not addressed and not spoken to and basically not part of the report. He continued that the industry side was upheld and Xiong resigned shortly thereafter. He wants to go back and re-examine all of the evidence and if it is felt that the Xiong's decision was not complete, however decisive it may have seemed, that it be reopened and reviewed and corrected in whatever way is available.

Linssen said it sounds like this is more of a procedural request that we take steps back or somehow overrule the previous decision. Zima responded that the Vanden Boogarts have not left a rock unturned and their review of things is dramatic enough that the Board should review it and recommend that some action be taken one way or another. Linssen asked Zima what he wants the Committee to do. Zima responded he wants the Committee to use their best judgment as to how to proceed and he wants the record to contain as much as we know and it should not be a one-sided record which he feels is what was in place when Xiong made her decision. Zima also noted he felt Xiong was under political stress as well.

De Wane indicated there is a lot of information and to do things right he felt this should be held for a month to give the Committee time to talk to the attorneys to find out what we can and cannot do. Schadewald wants the Committee to understand that the State Statutes with regard to the power of the Health Director are very clear. The Board of Health made a determination that this is health hazard, but only the Health Director can make the official health connection. He continued that if Xiong determined that the wind turbines were a health hazard and some Supervisor brought this to the Committee to overrule, it could create problems. Schadewald did not feel the precedent should be set of the County Board overruling the authority given to the Health Director by the State. He stated the Board can hire and fire directors and can provide information, but he did not think that this Committee should do anything other than receive and place on file because you cannot have politicians dismissing Director decisions. Zima wanted to get this whole thing front and center because it is controversial. The last thing he wants to have happen, which he believes is what the administration wants, is to throw this in the garbage can and he speculates that this is what they told Xiong to do. Supervisor Brusly stated that that is speculation and she felt that many Supervisors do care about this issue.

Schadewald said his idea was to receive and place this on file, but appoint the Human Services Committee as the task force and ask that this be put on the monthly agenda to receive all information. Zima said he would be happy with that and said that the Committee should hear from Mr. Vanden Boogart.

Evans talked about the suggestion to create a task force and noted that that was something that was suggested a number of months ago but then was pulled back. He provided the Committee with a timeline that has been put out by Dr. Jay Tibbetts, a copy of which is attached. The timeline goes back to 2010 and Evans noted that there is ample information including binders in the County Board office. He said a department head can make a decision and bring it before the oversight Committee and the Committee can then decide whether they wish to agree or disagree. Evans would like to see the Committee not accept the report and then take a vote. He would not want to accept it if he was on the Committee for a number of reasons including Xiong's limited expertise, the faulty scientific procedures that were done, the research, etc. Xiong had an assistant do a great deal of work on this and Evans did not think the assistant had the expertise to put together a document for Xiong that outweighs the credibility for MDs and Ph.Ds.

Evans said the problem he has with the decision is that the more he looked into it, he looked at the faultiness of it. He felt an appropriate motion would be to not accept the decision of Xiong.

Evans continued that it is important to know how much work has gone into this and he appreciated the willingness of the Committee to want to learn about this. He said that this is Mr. Vanden Boogart's communication and he is a citizen and the Committee should hear him.

Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor Brusky to open the floor to allow interested parties to speak. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Jim Vanden Boogart, 7463 Holly-Mor Road, Morrison, WI

Vanden Boogart said the reason Xiong's determination should not be accepted is because the consequences of her determination are not benign. They are not just local, they are global. The situation at Shirley Wind has been keenly watched across the globe. Wind developers are taking Xiong's illegitimate determination and using it for arguments for more projects like Shirley Wind. Unless this determination is rejected, the Brown County Health Department will be responsible for harm to public health across the globe. Xiong's words that say there is not a relationship between wind turbines and health concerns are being used in a number of documents at various municipal levels. Xiong's determination will be the legacy of Brown County's Health Department on a global scale unless the determination is called into question and not accepted.

Hoyer asked how many health departments have made any sort of declaration across the US. Vanden Boogart is not aware of any other County who has done this, but he is also not aware of any other public health officer that came up with a statement that went across the whole globe saying there is no relationship. Hoyer referred to Evans' timeline and asked about Xiong's predecessor, Judy Friederichs. He noted that she was the Health Director during all of the research and discussions but Xiong was left to review 256 documents. Vanden Boogart said the Board of Health made a motion to declare the wind turbines a health hazard which passed unanimously and he thought that Friederichs was resigned at that time. Evans pointed out that Friederichs retired.

Dr. Jay Tibbetts

Dr. Tibbetts said Vanden Boogart's comments are accurate as far as the process goes. The process came about from some citizens from Shirley Wind who made a request to the Board of Health to make a declaration of a human health hazard. The Health Director was instrumental in helping the Board of Health, but the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board operated relatively independently. Dr. Tibbetts continued that a number of citizens worked on putting together a binder of information and came to the conclusion that the industrial wind turbines at Shirley Wind are a human health hazard. This conclusion was reached by reviewing a number of studies, implementation of County Code 38.01 as well as State Codes. Zima said it sounds like Friederichs did not follow through with the unanimous recommendations. Dr. Tibbetts responded that the person that was most helpful was former Corporation Counsel Juliana Ruenzel who provided guidance on making the determination. Hoyer said he was not able to find information in minutes about this and Dr. Tibbetts noted that a few of the meetings they had with Ruenzel were held in closed session. Dr. Tibbetts noted that all kinds of information was submitted throughout the process by a number of individuals and everyone was invited to participate until the closing date in September. Schadewald noted that the Board of Health then gave Xiong a deadline to make a decision so that this did not drag on forever.

Vanden Boogart felt the decision was hurried and should not have been made in the timeframe it was. He said the goal was to provide Xiong with the full spectrum view of the evidence so a decision based on the maximum knowledge base could be made. Vanden Boogart continued that Xiong was provided with a great deal of information including records from Shirley Wind and a great deal of peer reviewed literature, studies, conference papers, expert testimony, etc. so that she would have everything available to make the decision. Because of the hurried timeframe, Vanden Boogart feels that pretty much everything was cast out based on the criteria she established and Vanden Boogart did not know if Xiong read everything or if her assistant, Carolyn Harvey did. Xiong indicated that only 5 of the provided documents were worthy of full review. He does not believe this has been done right and feels that someone has to do it over with oversight and do it right. He said when one person is in charge of a decision, it is dangerous.

Ackers said what Vanden Boogart is proposing is a good idea but noted that it is a lot of work to go through all of the documentation. He feels that there is one other option which would be to contact SAGE who is a professional

publisher of articles by professors throughout the world and offer to pay them to review it and see if the study is a good analysis of documents. Acker said his preference would be for the Committee to spend the time to go over the documents and if the due diligence is done, there would be no questions that the analysis was bad.

James Mueller – N8710 Pine Road, St. Cloud, WI

Mueller indicated that he is from Fond du Lac County and the Fond du Lac County nurse is following along with everything that Xiong did. As soon as the decision was announced by Xiong in Brown County, it also affected Fond du Lac County and everything that Xiong did is being crammed down the throats in Fond du Lac County. Mueller said that Fond du Lac County is still abiding by Xiong's decision and he feels this is affecting people all around the world. This is going much further than Brown County and he felt that Brown County really needs to look at this and go through everything that was said and done to see if it was done properly. He said that he is not trying to throw Xiong under the bus, but the right answer needs to be found because this affects everybody.

Van Dyck is not sure that this should be received and placed on file, but he does definitely think that this needs to be deferred until next month to allow time to get a legal opinion as to what the Committee and Board can and cannot do. Van Dyck appreciated Evans' suggestion that the Board could take the position of not accepting Xiong's report, although he did not know if that speaks to what is being asked for. If the determination is one thing and the Board simply says they do not accept the report, he did not know what kind of weight that would carry. Van Dyck continued that ultimately the only way to get any resolution for the people is to reverse Xiong's decision, but he questioned whether that can be done. He also said if a determination is going to be made on this, there are reams of documents that will discount and are contradictory to what is being presented. If there is a fair hearing of what should and should not be done, all information needs to be looked at with equal unbiased. If this is looked at very one sided, the conclusion that is drawn will be brought into question. Equal information from both sides will need to be reviewed to make the appropriate decision.

De Wane felt that to solve the problem, this needs to make it to the next step and it should be sent to a court in another county for a determination as to if the decision is justified based on the facts. He does not feel that both sides were weighed in making the decision. De Wane has no problem holding this up for a month to get a determination as to the process. He is against receiving and placing in on file and feels that somebody does need to look into this and he would like it sent on for determination by someone from a higher level whether or not the determination is accepted. Linssen said he does not believe this can be brought before a Circuit Court without standing and further, it would need to be brought by Mr. Vanden Boogart. He said the party who feels they "lost" would have to bring this to court and it would be dealt with that way. For the Committee's consideration, Schadewald asked if we could request an opinion from the Attorney General's office as to what power the Committee and/or Board would have to dismiss or not receive the report. Linssen said that as this relates to State Statute, this could be done.

Zima felt whether it can be accepted or not accepted is beside the point and outside of the scope of what his intentions are. He wants Mr. Vanden Boogart to give his presentation and give a clue to the Committee that this was not as thoroughly vetted as it should have been and it deserves a broader review. He felt that this should be sent to SAGE for an opinion. Zima does not want to dump on everyone like they have been dumped on and he does not want to continue with the status quo. He felt the first step is sending this off and spending some money to get this evaluated and get another opinion. Hoyer said the first step is figuring out what the Board is within their rights doing. Zima said even if the decision cannot be reversed, there is nothing that says that the issue cannot be re-examined and redo the process and maybe come to a different conclusion. Zima felt that we had the authority to investigate and review and make recommendations to make our community a better place. Regardless if Xiong's report can be reversed, he wants the County Board to get involved in this.

Human Services Director Erik Pritzl said there appears to be 2 issues before the Committee at this time. The first is can the Human Services Committee or the Health Board not accept or turn over a decision by a health officer about a health hazard. That question needs to be resolved before this can move forward. Pritzl said the Attorney General would be a great place to get that question answered. The second question is with regard to the report and accepting it or looking at it again. The report is used to make the decision, but the decision itself is statutorily protected. The report is going to be looking at the procedures of the governing board or body in looking at how that plays off. This needs to be separated as a question for legal opinion because there is a statutory question versus the report and procedural questions as to how to resolve that.

Evans noted that the County Board did pass a resolution in support of the Board of Health declaration that Shirley Wind is a human health hazard. He would like someone to make a motion to say send Xiong's documents to SAGE. He felt that if an answer is received by SAGE that says that everything was done correctly, fine. If they say no, from there a decision can be made whether the report is accepted or not based on the authority to do so. Linssen said that he is not interested in entertaining such a motion.

Deslauriers felt that this was a very simple issue because Xiong laid out very concrete criteria of what she would look for in reports. It is her prerogative to eliminate whatever she wants, but what she did was inconsistently weigh the reports and did not use the same criteria on the ones she accepted as opposed to the ones she rejected and then came to a conclusion that did not make sense in the level of standard and just said that there is no relationship. It is Deslauriers' opinion that those are the important things and noted that Xiong laid out in e-mail and publicly at the Board of Health meetings exactly what criteria she was going to use but she did not apply them consistently and then came to a bizarre conclusion that does not rise to the level of relationship which makes no sense. What he is asking is for the Committee to look at those basic things and if it means that the Committee does not agree with her, it says a lot to the rest of the world that all of Brown County is not in the shoes that Xiong determined. This would mean a lot to the County and other communities facing the same thing.

Pritzl reminded the Committee that there would be purchasing requirements and guidelines that would need to be followed if this were to be sent to SAGE. Acker said the purpose of a SAGE review would be to point out the weaknesses in the finding. Hoyer asked if it is the hope that if this is brought to a broader spectrum that it would be at the peer review level. Acker said that was exactly why it would be sent to SAGE, although he did not know how much something like this would cost. Linssen asked if there was a reason this needs to be at a peer reviewed level and Zima responded that the legitimacy of the decision if why this would be peer reviewed.

The purpose of sending this to SAGE is to utilize a body of people who are already familiar with a lot of this literature and who professionally assess the validity of the literature and can see the literature that has been submitted and then see how Xiong dispositioned each of those documents in her summary log and the conclusion she reached. This could be a more efficient way of getting an assessment or judgment of validity of her decision. Linssen understood that and noted that he had been an editor for a peer review magazine in the past, but does not understand why we need to hold Xiong to the same level because she is not a doctor and he does not think the Board should be expecting that level of work in this type of report. He did not think it was fair to Xiong to hold her to that level and felt we are going down the wrong path of having this debate. Linssen said it seems like what is being asked for is a second opinion of the opinion. Evans said that what they are asking for is an opinion to see if it was done scientifically and in accordance with parameters. Evans said he is proposing to spend taxpayer money to get to the answer to see if Xiong went about this in a proper scientific manner because that is what her job entailed. He said that just by reading the red binder that was provided by Mr. Vanden Boogart you can see that there are some questions.

Dr. Tibbetts wished to echo what Deslauriers said. Xiong gave a presentation and a good part of the presentation was how she was going to go about her task. The problem is that she then violated the whole thing. This is the big issue and he questions how anything can be made credible with that. Linssen said that on one side is the politics and on one side is the law and he just wants to be sure that we are not just trying to merge anything together. Hoyer noted that the oversight the Committee would have would be to discipline Xiong or whatever but again, this is a unique situation because it has a legal standing and we need to pick that apart.

Acker said that he has been a peer reviewer for a number of years and every magazine has a peer review process and the process is very important. The reason to go to SAGE with Xiong's decision would be to see if the processes she used to get to the decision were good processes or if she missed something in her processes. This is a very important process and from Acker's viewpoint, the things Xiong did are bad, but he would like to hear what SAGE would have to say.

Barb Vanden Boogart said that no matter how you arrive at the decision, just using plain common sense in looking at what has been presented to the Committee already, and laying down any politics, it is clear that what Xiong did is lacking in integrity and thoroughness. At the very least, what the citizens who care about this issue intensely and those who are suffering in Shirley Wind and around the world want done is to say publicly that we as a body who oversees the Health Department think this document lacks integrity and was not done properly and from our

perspective, whether it is legal or not, it is not valid because Xiong did not use the science. Vanden Boogart feels people need to know that the Committee's authority speaks about what Xiong did and there needs to be some accountability in this nation for each person on a board, committee, etc. to be held accountable for doing their job correctly and Xiong did not do that. Xiong is no longer here to be reprimanded, but, none the less, she needs to be held accountable for the poor and weak job she did, just like the people in Flint, Michigan.

Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor De Wane to return to regular order of business. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

De Wane thanked those in attendance for coming to the meeting and sharing their thoughts with the Committee. He has been watching this issue and is glad to be on the Human Services Committee so he can work on this. He would like to have this matter held for a month so the Committee can take the material and as individuals determine whether what Xiong did was done correctly. He said it is important for the Committee to review all of the materials and then a recommendation can be sent to the full County Board. Committee members can each make their own decision as to if what Xiong did was done in the proper manner and not under duress. De Wane would also like this issue sent to the Attorney General for an opinion as to what can and cannot be done with regard to the decisions. Finally, De Wane would like this matter sent through Administration to SAGE. He felt that the Committee really needs to do their due diligence because it affects the lives of people in Brown County and he wants to make sure this is done correctly and done well. De Wane believes that how the decision was made was not proper, but each Committee member needs to form their own opinion.

Linssen agreed with De Wane's first two points, but feels that the third suggestion to send this to SAGE would be trying to make a political statement instead of addressing the science and he feels there are better options available and for this reason, he would like separate votes on three separate motions.

With regard to sending this to the Attorney General's office, Zima said that Xiong did what she did and a lot of people are disagreeing with what she did. He feels the third motion was the most important and feels that we need to determine whether Xiong had the right to make the decision or not and it is his opinion that she did. He noted it will take a long time to get an opinion from the Attorney General's office. Hoyer said a vote would still be taken and he would like to see this mimic what Pritzl said in terms of the two different areas.

Van Dyck said he is in favor of sending this to SAGE because he feels it is an important step and an important decision to look at. However, there is also an equal amount of weight that was given to the Health Board in making their decision and he questions why their decision making process followed a similar criteria. If we are going to be consistent and are going to say that Xiong's decision making process did not follow the proper procedure and was not sound, there are an awful lot of people relying on the fact that the Health Board said what they said and what was the criteria and process that they used to reach their decision. Linssen said he would support this. Schadewald said he would support the motion to get a proposal from SAGE or a similar organization but he feels there needs to be further discussion on where to send it because if the truth is what is wanted, why don't we send all the information to other health directors. Schadewald would prefer to concentrate on the people in Brown County, but once you start going through process, it is an argument that everyone has an opinion on. He has agreed with Zima from the start that we want to help the people of Brown County.

Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Schadewald to hold this up for one month to determine whether or not it was properly done. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Schadewald to have our attorneys send this to the Attorney General to see what we can and cannot do. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Schadewald to send this through Administration to get a proposal on the costs involved with sending information to SAGE or a similar organization and bring it back. Vote taken. Nay: Linssen. MOTION CARRIED 4 TO 1

Motion made by Supervisor Linssen, seconded by Supervisor Hoyer to send the conclusion by former Health Director Chua Xiong and the conclusion by the Board of Health to an independent review agency. Vote taken. Aye: Linssen, Hoyer; Nay: De Wane, Brusky, Schadewald. MOTION FAILED

At this time a short break was taken.

Human Services Department

4. Examine scheduling issues at Community Treatment Center – *standing item per motion at April 2016 meeting.*

Hospital/Nursing Home Administrator Luke Schubert reported that a committee has been formed to work on this and Tom Smith from Human Resources has agreed to chair the committee. Two meetings have been held and the committee voted to suspend the holiday schedule as that seemed to be the largest sensitive area. Schubert stated that the holiday schedule had an A – B rotation system that meant that if you worked Christmas Eve this year, you would work Christmas Day next year and vice versa. They reverted back to the old system so if you are scheduled to work on the day of the week that the holiday falls on, you work that holiday. Pritzl said he attended the meeting where the holiday schedule was discussed and he wished to add that it did show how the committee is going to be challenged in sorting through what policy decisions are and what scheduling decisions are. He said the committee could not get to scheduling discussions without going through this first, so that is why the holiday schedule was taken off the table after the Fourth of July.

Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Schadewald to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Resolution re: Reorganization of the Human Services – Community Treatment Center Table of Organization.

Schubert said the basis of this move is to get more utilization out of the management positions by focusing the food service supervisor on production and employee management.

Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor Brusky to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Executive Director's Report.

Pritzl referred to his report contained in the agenda packet. With regard to the mental health initiatives that were highlighted in the report he noted that the Day Treatment Center RFP period has ended and the scoring committee is now doing their work and this is proceeding as it is supposed to. Detoxification services should be starting in July. They are working on a few protocols and procedures on the intoxicated population versus the incapacitated population. Pritzl said this sounds like an odd nuance, but it is very important and he noted that by statute the County is required to work with incapacitated individuals and their situations while intoxicated individuals fall under slightly different statutory requirements. Pritzl continued that they are making sure that they are following all of the appropriate procedures and that they have the right resources lined up. He said they have a nice procedure drafted for people that would go to Bellin for detox but there needs to be a next step in that process which would be attending an orientation group and assessment which would then determine placement criteria. The time from orientation to assessment is 5.3 days on average and Pritzl noted they did process improvement on this a while ago which was helpful. They just need to clarify the procedures so they can make law enforcement and medical providers aware of exactly what is going to happen.

Schadewald asked what the procedure would be for incapacitated people. Pritzl explained that most likely law enforcement will bring the incapacitated person to an emergency department for medical clearance and if they are cleared then they would go to Bellin for detoxification services.

Linssen indicated he spoke with St. John's Shelter who explained that they had some concerns over the intoxicated versus incapacitated distinction and how those services would be able to assist their facility and their residents, especially when it came to people who are heavily, heavily intoxicated not being eligible for the service because they are under their own control and despite how intoxicated they are they would not qualify for these services. Pritzl

noted that he has spoken to St. John's about this and that is what they are trying to resolve. Pritzl will keep the Committee updated in this regard.

De Wane said the City of Green Bay works closely with St. John and the City has a "no serve" list and he will look into this because that may help. Linssen appreciated what De Wane was saying but noted that he was asking more about the funding for services.

With regard to mobile crisis, Pritzl noted that the Crisis Center has filled $\frac{3}{4}$ of the positions they can support with the additional funding. The staff has to be trained and go through required trainings and Pritzl noted that they have not seen an appreciable change in hours yet because the staff was just hired in May. He said they do track hours of mobile face to face contact and he feels those hours will be going up in the next month. Pritzl continued that the turnover issues seem to be resolved and noted that he has spoken with Family Services and with the change to emphasizing more mobile and going away from the center somewhat, Crisis Center anticipated that some people would leave. Hoyer asked if the County pays them for 4 staff regardless of how many are on staff or if we only pay for what they have. Pritzl has been told that Crisis Center has not invoiced for any additional amounts while they are going through the ramp up.

The last part of the mental health initiative is transitional residential treatment and this is something that they continue to look at. They have been meeting and will get this down to a limited number of options for the group to assess. They are trying to figure out how this plays into purchasing versus providing and using the County's facility versus not. The numbers in terms of the facility are increasing and they have been looking at this very closely. Pritzl said there are 20 crisis diversion beds at one diversion facility and the CBRF has 15 beds. They have talked about consolidating and Pritzl is looking at this. Pritzl said that there were 2 days that exceeded 20 people in the crisis diversion beds from January through April. In May there were 6 days that exceeded 30 and 3 days that were at 20. June could bring more seasonal issues as St. John's closes for the season. As it stands right now, there could be a capacity issue in terms of crisis stabilization. Schadewald said at some point a determination needs to be made as to how to organize this because the capacity is 35 but for the whole year, that capacity has not been met. Schadewald does not want to be spending money on facilities that are not at capacity when there are needs in other areas. Pritzl did not disagree with this and said that he will keep the Committee advised and updated.

Pritzl also said that someone raised the issue of funding and sustainability of the mental health initiative. He said that all of these phases of the initiative have been set up to pro-rate months of service. He also said he has received no indication that there will be a reduction in funds next year, but ultimately that is the decision of the County Board. Hoyer asked if any leftover funds from this year will be carried over and Pritzl said that that has not been decided. Schadewald felt that more money would be needed for next year and he would not like to see too many more initiatives started until what is already in the works is up and running efficiently. Pritzl said he sees people that need services and to get these things in place at acceptable standards takes times. Ideally he would have like to have seen it get farther than it has, but he also is able to look back and see that there has been progress on all of the initiatives and 3 of them are implemented. Considering all of the needs of his department and the scope of work that gets done on a daily basis Pritzl said what has been done is a pretty good accomplishment. Hoyer asked if Pritzl felt that the ad hoc committee needs to meet again soon and Pritzl said that a meeting should be probably be held towards the end of July or early August.

Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Linssen to receive and place on file. Vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Financial Report for Community Treatment Center and Community Programs.

Finance Manager Eric Johnson noted that the finalized expenses for community programs are now available and they came in just below budget overall.

Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor De Wane to receive and place on file. Vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. **Statistical Reports.**

- a. **CTC Staff – Double Shifts Worked.**
- b. **Monthly CTC Data – Bay Haven Crisis Diversion/Nicolet Psychiatric Hospital.**
- c. **Monthly Inpatient Data – Bellin Psychiatric Center.**
- d. **Child Protection – Child Abuse/Neglect Report.**
- e. **Monthly Contract Update.**

Pritzl recalled there was a question last month as to why the CTC double shifts worked report was included in the agenda packet. He dug into this and found that last April he asked for this to be included in the report because there is a resolution going back to 2009 as to hours an employee worked during a 24 hour period. The resolution referenced people working beyond 12 hours and called for department heads to report to the standing committee whenever a 12 hour shift is exceeded. Schadewald felt that since that resolution was pre Act 10, it should probably be reviewed.

Pritzl also advised Brusky that he did some research on a question she asked last month regarding whether insurance is required before an adolescent is admitted to Bellin Psychiatric Center and he found that it is not a requirement. He said that insurance can cover the stay or the County is the payer of last resort in an emergency situation however, County case workers do work to get insurance coverage, such as medical assistance.

Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Schadewald to suspend the rules to take Items 8 a-e together and to receive and place them on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. **Request for New Non-Continuous Vendor.**

Pritzl recalled that at the last meeting Linssen asked for more information in terms of contracts and noted that the report has been revised to provide more detail on the contracts.

Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor Brusky to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. **Request for New Vendor Contract.**

Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Schadewald to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Other

11. **Audit of bills.** No bills, no action necessary.

12. **Such other matters as authorized by law.**

Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald that the entire Human Services Committee become the task force for the collection of information on the Shirley Wind Farm project. *Motion withdrawn.*

Hoyer asked if Schadewald is proposing that this be a standing item in our next meeting. Schadewald said that that may be a better way to handle it and he will write a communication on this. He wanted to be clear that he does not want the Committee to drop the ball on getting information and he firmly urged the Committee to get some of the previous documents in this matter. He understands the concern about hearing testimony every time, but he would like to see the Committee be more the conduit for gathering information. Linssen said he would be agreeable to receiving paper reports, but he does not want to get into a situation where there is testimony every month. Schadewald said the Board of Health meets every two months and gets a lot of testimony in many forms. He would like to create some sort of depository of information that people could look at. Pritzl suggested that perhaps the Committee could invite individuals to attend meetings if there are specific questions that need to be answered. Recording Secretary Alicia Loehlein urged the Committee to utilize the Board Office as well. She said that many of the questions that were asked have been discussed at previous meetings and a lot of the information could be answered by reading prior minutes.

Paul Lindy – 1011 Doty Street, Green Bay, WI

Lindy said his background is healthcare and he was responsible for 72 specialty outpatient clinics early in his career and then was a consultant for a number of years. He is very concerned about the mental health of people who are attempting suicide, and then are stitched up and released back on the street. Obviously there is an issue that causes a person to get to that situation. In one case there was an effort for a 3 party referral and it was denied and these are some of the things that he will continue to follow up on to find the best avenue. Pritzl asked who denied the 3 party referral and Lindy said it was the facility. There was a question as to what protocols were followed and what category the patient fell into. Lindy would like to know the quickest way to get the minutes of today's meeting. He was advised that the minutes would be available online upon their completion.

A brief discussion was held regarding the next meeting date and July 21, 2016 at 5:30 pm was selected.

13. **Adjourn.**

Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Brusky to adjourn at 9:22 p.m. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

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TIMELINE IWTs BROWN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

1. March 30, 2010. Communication from Supervisor Evans "Request a report from the Brown Co Health Dept regarding health issues relating to wind turbines as they may affect citizens of Brown Co. " He also requested an injunction to halt proposed construction until pronounced safe by the Health Dept. This was unsolicited. The BOH had no agenda and in no way were anti-wind.
2. May 25, 2010. Joint meeting Human Services and Board of Health.
BOH members present Murphy, Photenhauer, Scray, Murray, Tibbetts.
Absent VanDuresen, Bacillis Leon
Presenters
 - 1) Chuck Warzela Environmental Health State of Wis
 - 2) Dr. Jevon Mcfadden on loan from the CDC
 - 3) Representative from Invenergy
 - 4) Carl Kunhe
 - 5) Dr. Herb Cousins Cortisol studies
 - 6) Tim Hermann
 - 7) James Felmer
 - 8) Glen Haas
 - 9) Ann Wirtz Fondulac experience
 - 10) John Morehouse
 - 11) Christine Morehouse Karst Features History of over 100 contaminated wells

The meeting lasted from 5:37 PM to 11:00 PM Multiple comments from the public, etc.
3. White Binder We reviewed multiple documents including "Wind Turbine Sound and Health Effects an Expert Panel Review" Colby et al, WHO standard for noise, Minnesota Study multiple other publications and ending with Act 40 which preceded PSC 128.
4. June 18, 2010. The Brown Co Board of Health passed a resolution Night noise 30 dBA setback $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ mi No installations in areas of Karst features. Sent to the Br. Co. Board of Supervisors, the state legislature and the PSC. (There had been 100 wells contaminated with E.coli.)
5. Field trip Kevin Ashenbrenner's farm and Dave Enz's home
6. Field trip Sarah and Darell Capelle's home
7. Review about 80 official health complaints and 50 affidavits of health complaints
8. 2012 Shirley Wind Study Done by four independent acousticians: Walker, Hessler, Rand & Schomer. Their conclusion was "The four investigation firms are of the opinion that enough evidence and hypothesis have been given herein to classify LFN and infrasound as a serious issue, possibly affecting the future of the industry. It should be addressed beyond the present practice of showing that wind turbine levels are magnitudes below the threshold of hearing at low frequencies.
Rick James in his testimony regarding Shirley Wind says "Based on the above, it is reasonable to conclude that the adverse health effect reported by members of the Shirley community are linked to the operation of the Shirley Wind project turbines. While there may still be debate

about the precise mechanism that causes these sounds to induce symptoms; it is clear from this study, and others conducted in different parts of the world by other acousticians, that acoustic energy emitted by the operation of modern utility scale wind turbines is at the root of the adverse health effects.

9. 2012 BOH Resolution to request further studies to the State of Wis
10. 2012 BOH Resolution to assist those families displaced by the IWTs to the State of Wis
11. Review of many more studies and documents including the Mass Study and work done by Dr Alec Salt
12. Summer 2014 Rick James Study comparing the microbarometer with more expensive microphones. The results were comparable.
13. Summer 2014 Blue Binder with the request from Susan Ashley, et al
14. October 2014 Declaration by the Brown Co BOH "Human Health Hazard" "To declare the Industrial Wind Turbines at Shirley Wind Project in the town of Glenmore, Brown Co, WI a human health hazard for all people (residents, workers, visitors, and sensitive passerby) who are exposed to ILFN and other emissions potentially harmful to human health."
Based on State and local ordinance Chapter 38.01 The totality of the evidence in the Blue Binder, official complaints, affidavits of health complaints, WHO definition of annoyance caused by audible and inaudible sound causing sleep disturbance, headache, etc.
Detection of wind turbine signal which is unique to IWTs and not found in nature.
Residents symptoms present in the wind farm and alleviated by leaving the wind farm.
15. Submission of 256 documents and papers to Chua Xiong
16. Discussion of her decision 12/15/15 "Presently there is insufficient scientific evidence-based research to support the relationship between wind turbines and health concerns."
17. Revelation in an email from Chua to Carolyn Harvey that " the times I go the the wind turbines I get such migraines."
18. Chua Xiong resigns her position
19. Multiple rebukes of Chua and her work used to come to her conclusion.
20. The BOH continues to review new studies.

Submitted to the Human Services Committee June 29, 2016

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